

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellants : Wolfgang RUF et al. Confirmation No.: 2423

Appln. No : 10/072,876 Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed : February 12, 2002 Examiner: J. Fortuna

For : LAMELLA OF A HEADBOX OF A PAPER, CARDBOARD OR
TISSUE MACHINE

PAPER REGARDING APRIL 26, 2007 EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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Sir:

Subsequently to Appellants' Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing filed April 23, 2007, the Examiner forwarded a second Examiner's Answer dated April 26, 2007, with no indicia of being supplemental to the original Answer and without any identified reasons for forwarding this new Answer.

Appellants have reviewed this new Examiner's Answer and believe no new arguments have been presented, and this new Answer has been provided merely to amend section (2) (*Related Appeals and Interferences*) of the original Examiner's Answer. Thus, Appellants understand this Answer has been prepared merely to correct an error in section (2) of the originally submitted Examiner's Answer (indicating no related appeals), so as to include a statement regarding the previous appellate review of this application. Section (2) of the new Examiner's Answer now corresponds to statement prepared by Appellants' in their Appeal Brief.

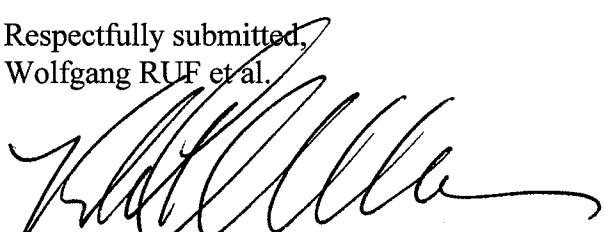
As no new arguments appear to have been presented, Appellants are submitting this paper to

acknowledge the change in the Examiner's Answer and to ratify the arguments as presented in Appellants' April 23, 2007 Reply Brief are still applicable to the Examiner's arguments in the new Examiner's Answer. Accordingly, Appellants' April 23, 2007 Reply Brief should be considered by the Board as addressing the issues raised in the April 26, 2007 Examiner's Answer.

Moreover, Appellants reaffirm their Request for Oral Hearing, as submitted on April 23, 2007 with their Reply Brief.

Should the Examiner have changed any arguments in the Examiner's Answer, Appellants request the Examiner identify these new arguments so Appellants can adequately address each issue raised by the Examiner. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
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